

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension or )  
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Revocation of the Educator Certificate )  
)  
of Zachery E. Norris )  
)  
Certificate 166222 )

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 8, 2006. On September 28, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Zachery E. Norris, certificate 166222, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, of possible action on his educator certificate. Mr. Norris received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt. Mr. Norris subsequently agreed to waive his right to a hearing on the matter and to accept issuance of a public reprimand. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Norris.

Zachery  
E. Norris

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Date

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Zachery E. Norris holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over twenty-two years of teaching experience. Mr. Norris has been employed by Richland County School District One (District) since the 1999-2000 school year, where he has served as a physical education and driver education teacher, as well as a coach. On September 11, 2006, Mr. Norris was convicted on charges of public intoxication and possession of a concealed weapon.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and crimes against the state. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for the issuance of a public reprimand to Mr. Norris for unprofessional and criminal conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/s/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

November 8, 2006

I, Zachery E. Norris, S.C. Educator Certificate 166222, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on November 8, 2006.

/s/ Zachard E. Norris  
Zachary E. Norris

10/16/2006  
Date